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A Lei Of Lincoln Cents

BY KAZUMA OYAMA

May Day is Lei Day in Hawaii. And around June 11th of each year Hawaii celebrates King Kamehameha's birthday with garlands of leis draped on the King Kamehameha statue in Honolulu. There is another less known but just as colorful lei ceremony held annually at the Ewa Elementary School on Renton Road in "old" Ewa town. The students celebrate Abraham Lincoln's birthday with leis draped on the life sized statue of "Lincoln the Frontiersman" located on the campus of the school. The bronze statue was made by Avard Tennyson Fairbanks and presented to the school on February 12, 1944. The statue was a gift from Katherine McIntos Burke (1861-1938) who was the Ewa School principal during 1919-1927.

In 1954, Stacy Sunada, a first grader, made a lei of 48 Lincoln cents and presented it to the school as part of the Lincoln Day ceremonies. The 48 coins represented the then 48 states of the union. In 1959, two more cents were added to include the new states of Alaska and Hawaii. It is obvious to coin collectors that the original lei's cents were all "wheat ear" reverse type. By coincidence the change from the "wheat ear" to the current "Lincoln Memorial" reverse design was made in 1959 - the year that Hawaii became the 50th state of the United States of America. This change to the Lincoln Memorial reverse made Abraham Lincoln the only person to appear on both sides of the same coin. If one looks closely, the seated statue of Lincoln is visible in the center of the memorial as in the real statue located on the mall in Washington, D. C.



This Lincoln statue stands not in Kentucky or Illinois but in Ewa Elementary School in Hawaii.

Photo by Richard Yamamoto

According to the "Red Book" - A Guide Book of United States Coins by R.S. Yeoman, the original Lincoln cent was designed by Victor D. Brenner and his initials are visible on the bust line of the coin. The Lincoln Memorial design was by Frank Gasparo and his initials are seen next to the side steps on the right (facing) side of the memorial. The Lincoln cent was originally issue to commemorate the 100th birthday of Abraham Lincoln in 1909. The change to the Lincoln Memorial was made in 1959 - the 150th anniversary of his birthday. This makes the Lincoln cent the longest lasting "commemorative" coin of the United States of America.

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Close up of the Lincoln Statue. By Richard Yamamoto

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Although commonly referred to as a copper cent the "Red Book" describes it as a bronze cent because of its metallic composition of copper, zinc, and tin. There were two metallic changes made to the coin - in 1943 and during 1944-46 - a direct result of World War Two which started for the United States when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor and other military bases on Oahu on December 7, 1941. Owing to the shortage of copper, a critical metal for military use, the 1943 cents were made of zinc-coated steel. Brass cartridge cases were salvaged and used to make cents during 1944-1946. the latest change in the metallic content of the Lincoln cent was made in 1982 when the United States Mint changed from bronze to copper plated zinc cents. Both the bronze and copper plated zinc cents were made in 1982.

How much longer will the Lincoln cent last? There are talks of changing the design and also of doing away with the cent. Whatever the outcome remember that it is a CENT coin - NOT a penny. The penny is a British monetary unit. In the U.S. a penny is used to describe the size of nails. Our continued use of the word penny apparently is a carry-over from the colonial days when British coins were used.

The Ewa school is interested in collecting anything related to Lincoln. Dave Martin of Ala Moana Stamp & Coin contributed a first year 1909 and the 1943 zinc-coated steel cents. Andy Nagy of Andy's Stamp & Coin in Wahiawa came up with the 1958 (last year of the wheat ear) and 1959 (first year of

the Lincoln Memorial) cents of both the Philadelphia and Denver mints. I contributed the 1982 bronze and copper zinc cents. A triangle was cut into a bronze and a zinc cent to reveal the difference. The coins were mounted in 2x2 holders which were then placed into the pockets of an album page and given to the school.

IN MEMORY OF ELMER HAMANO

The Honolulu Coin Club joins the HSNA in offering the family of the late Elmer Hamano our deepest condolence. Elmer gave us over thirteen years of service. He was the immediate past president of the HSNA, as well as Honolulu Coin Club past vice-president, secretary, and on the board of directors. He served in many non elected capacities from our electrician to hospitality chairman as well as securities chairman. May the almighty lord bless you in your new life.

Honolulu Coin Club *35th Anniversary*



1955 - 1990

Facts about the Honolulu Coin Club

The Honolulu Coin Club was founded on May 6, 1955 by Charles J. Laskowski, a United States Marine Corps Captain.

Henry Kenway Luke is credited with naming the Honolulu Coin Club.

First meeting was held at the St. Louis College Alumni House, 925 Isenberg Street. New members, 18 or older were invited to join.

In 1988 the first junior membership club was organized, by Dannie Garrett, at the Susannah Wesley Community Center.

The 35th Honolulu Coin Show Medals are struck in silver and bronze. The silver medal will be made with .999 fine silver, and numbered. Both silver and bronze medal will be rounded and 39mm in size. A limit of 100 medals will be made in both medals.



A SOLDIER, A FAMILY MAN, AND A COIN COLLECTOR

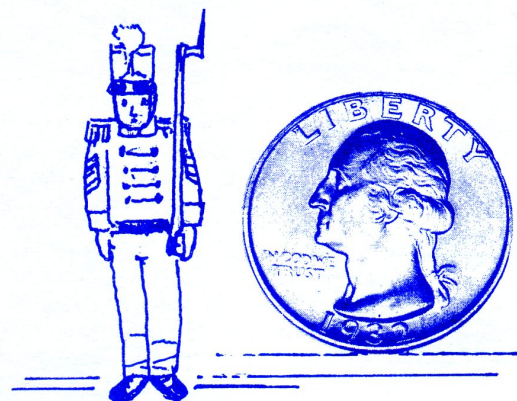
BY GREG HUNT

In November 1987, Mr. Dannie Garrett was introduced to our newest coin member by Charlie Matsuda. Charlie has signed up many a new member from the armed services and I never realized what a special occasion this was in retrospect. From the first meeting it was evident that Mr. Garrett was one of our clubs missing links to success. It has been my special aspiration to propagate a strong junior club. Since the year I took over as president of the Honolulu Coin Club, I have been searching for a special person that could work with kids to make a junior club and run it efficiently. Mr. Dannie Garrett was that missing link to success. I asked him to start thinking about starting up a junior club in early December 87.

In February 1988 the Honolulu Coin Club Juniors was born. Mr. Garrett organized the club with seven charter members. They wrote their own constitution and bylaws and had its own election of officers. The numbers immediately started to grow because of Mr. Garrett's strong leadership skills as advisor to the Juniors. The Juniors had a lot of faith in him because he showed them fatherly guidance and love. He got the club to recognize them for their own special accomplishments. He got them to be active participants in the HSNA Mini Coin Show, the HCC Statehood Coin Show and the HSNA Annual Coin Show. They helped with the set-up, clean-up, registration, and hospitality. They also had a lot of fun with their various activities such as the designing and sales of their own wooden token. The Juniors' under his direction submitted a working budget to the HCC Membership and won approval. They did many fun things at their meeting such as drawing, playing games, and learning about different coins. He instituted an awards system for juniors that stimulated the growth of the Junior club from seven to almost thirty members. He also solicited many new members himself at our shows. He also solicited many prizes and awards for the juniors to encourage

participation and accomplishment. In 1989 the first junior from Hawaii was selected to attend the ANA Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs, Colorado. This was his ultimate achievement. In 1990 the second junior was selected from Hawaii to attend this same seminar. This time his own son Dannie Jr. was selected and this truly was an outstanding achievement. He has literally put Hawaii's Juniors on the ANA Map.

As for his family ties, Mr. Dannie Garrett is the father of two children, Sonya and Dannie Jr. He has been married to his wife Shiela for over twenty years. He was born in Jacksonville, Florida and moved to Kentucky where he was raised. He joined the military and is presently assigned as a Command Sergeant Major of a Medical Battalion at Schofield in the U.S. Army. He is the winner of many medals including the bronze star, three meritorious service medals, and nine air medals. He has been involved in collecting coins as a hobby since he was a teenager. He especially likes the Washington Quarter series. He moved here from the mainland in November of 1987 and joined the club that same month. After three years of duty in the islands he has been reassigned to Seattle, Washington and will be leaving us in September 1990. The Honolulu Coin Club and its junior affiliates will sorely miss this hard working individual. The club wishes you and your family a fondest aloha nui loa.



HONOLULU COIN CLUB

The Honolulu Coin Club meets
every second and fourth
Wednesday of each month at
Susannah Wesley Community Center at 1117
Kaili Street, 7:30 p.m. Gregory Hunt, president.
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HAWAII'S FIRST LADY IN THE LEGISLATURE AND THE 20th ANNIVERSARY OF HAWAII STATE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN, HCC'S 4th WOODEN TOKEN ON HAWAII'S FAMOUS PEOPLE

BY CHARLES MATSUDA



The fourth series of the Famous People of Hawaii features Rosalie Keliinoi, a pioneer on women's right in Hawaii. Rosalie Keliinoi was the first woman elected to Hawaii's Territorial Legislature. This was four years after a law had been granted giving women the right to vote. She had a strong interest in helping the women of Hawaii with property rights and the right to serve on juries as well as many other accomplishment.

The reverse of the wooden token is Honolulu Coin Club's salute to the women of Hawaii. This year Hawaii celebrates the 20th Anniversary of the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women. This is a state-wide organization concerned with improving the lives of women in Hawaii. Act 190 was signed on July 2, 1970, by the late Governor John Burns, creating the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women. On December 14, 1989, Governor John Waihee signed a Proclamation at the state capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawaii, here by proclaim 1990 to be "The Year of Hawaii's Women."

To order your wooden token send 25 cent plus a self addressed stamp envelope to the Honolulu Coin Club, P. O. Box 6063, Honolulu, Hawaii 96818.



Gone Fishing



this Summer?



These are some of the Hawaiian Fishes you might have missed in the 80's for they are all gone now.. But the good news is you can still catch some of the wood tokens in the Hawaiian Endangered Wildlife Series. So, don't be a slowpoke and get them before it's to late..

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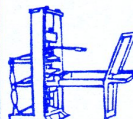
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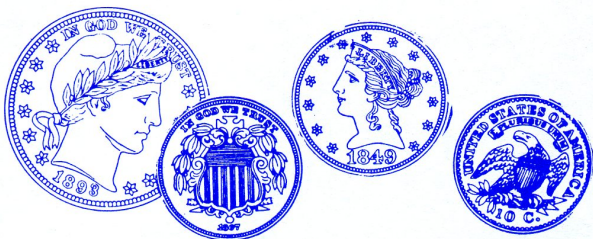
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NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE COIN CLUBS OF HAWAII

BIG ISLAND COIN CLUB

Mar. 90-- Don Nigro presented an updated report on the proposed 200 lot B.I.C.C. auction. Due to a variety of activities only 12 were in attendance.

Apr. 90-- Major items of business was the May auction. ON Nigro and Walt Southward asked members to spread the word. Another item of business was the "Then and Now" prices from catalogs by Rick Howsley. Twenty-two members and guest were present.

May. 90-- Kim Martin was guest speaker for the evening -- she spoke of her many experiences with the Ala Moana Coin Shop. Present were 26 members and guests.

Jun. 90-- New officers for 1990-1991 are:

Rick Howsley - President
Harold Watanabe - Vice President
Marta Bowman - Recording Secretary
Jim Moore - Treasurer
Gerry Phillips - Sgt. at Arms

Directors are:

Don Nigro
Mildred Murakami
Alton Chow
Tom Silva

A wrapup of the May B.I.C.C. auction was also on the meeting agenda.

Jul. 90-- Officers elected last month were installed by Virginia Dicks. Potluck dinner was enjoyed by all followed by a coin auction and outstanding door prizes.

HONOLULU COIN CLUB

Apr. 90-- Upcoming Mini-HSNA May show was discussed during April meetings-final preparations. Coin auctions and door prizes followed

both meetings. Average of 30 plus adults and 5 plus Juniors were in attendance.

May 90-- Very little discussion at the first meeting. Over 30 adults and four Juniors were present. An auction and door prizes followed. The second May meeting was cancelled due to work being done at the meeting building.

Jun. 90-- The May coin show was discussed. Over 22 dealers and a profit of \$300 plus was realized -- a good show all around. The 35th anniversary medal (pewter) will be used as an incentive for articles in our newspaper, Show and Tell, exhibits, and guest speaker.

Nominated and elected as new officers for 1990-1991 are:

Greg Hunt - President
Marion Kendrick - Vice President
William Dyslin - Secretary
Charles Matsuda - Treasurer
Landis Niau - Sgt. at Arms

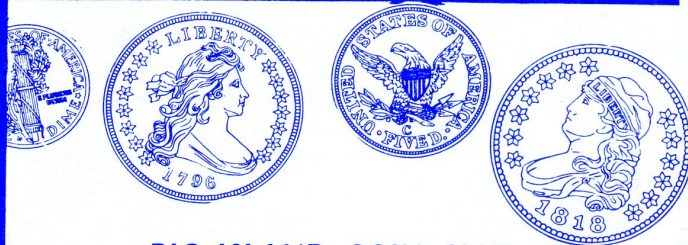
Board of Directors are:

W. K. Young
Francis Loo
Crane Saito
Kazu Oyama
William Spears
Franklin Gonzales

Congratulations to Danny Garrett, winner of the ANA Summer Seminar Young Numismatist Scholarship--second year in a row for H.C.C.

An auction and door prizes followed each meeting. Twenty-five plus adults and 5 plus Juniors were present.

Jul. 90-- The 35th Anniversary Honolulu Coin Club medals go on sale. The Statehood Coin Show was discussed.



BIG ISLAND COIN CLUB

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7p.m. at the YMCA, 300 Lanikaula Street, in Hilo.



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